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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 2800**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.	: 09/652,968	Confirmation No.	: 4756
Applicant	: Vishnu K. Agarwal		
Filed	: August 31, 2000	Attorney Docket No.:	501082.13 (98-0616.12)
Art Unit	: 2815	Customer No.	: 27,076
Examiner	: Jose R. Diaz		
Title	: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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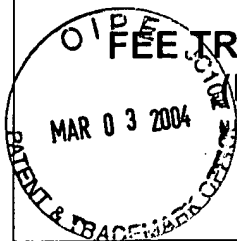
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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated February 10, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.



FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FOR FY 2004)

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

2. ☐ Check Enclosed

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1001	770	2001	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee
1002	340	2002	170	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee
1003	530	2003	265	<input type="checkbox"/> Plant Filing Fee
1004	770	2004	385	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
1005	160	2005	80	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee

Subtotal (1) \$ 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	5	- 20	= 0 x \$ 18	= \$ 0
Ind.	4	- 4	= 0 x \$ 86	= \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			x \$	= \$

Subtotal (2) \$ 0

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent Claim
1204	86	2204	43	Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath	\$
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	\$
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For Filing a Request for <i>ex parte</i> Reexamination	\$
1804	920	1804	920	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	1,840	1805	1,840	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within 2 nd month	\$
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within 3 rd month	\$
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within 4 th month	\$
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within 5 th month	\$
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	\$
1814	110	2814	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility/Reissue issue fee	\$
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	\$
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of IDS	\$
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
Other fee (specify)					\$

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